

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendments filed on 11-25-03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3,4,6-7,10,13-16 and 19 renumbered as 5,1,2-3,4,6-9 and 10.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Tingey on 2-4-04.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

- a). Claims 1 and 17 have been canceled.
- b). In claim 3, the number "1" in line 1 has been changed to "10".
- c). In claim 13, the number "1" has been changed to "10".
- d). Claim 19 has been amended as follows:

--- Claim 19. A wash bucket screen for use in a water bucket having a bottom and walls or a single cylindrical or frustum wall, comprising a planar platform slanted from horizontal in a single plane having a plurality of holes therethrough and supported above a bucket bottom on a vertical skirt depending from a platform perimeter and sized to flexibly engage a water bucket wall or walls above the bucket bottom, and the skirt having channels opening at the platform

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perimeter at a lower perimeter portion and channeling debris from the slanted planar platform to the bucket bottom outside the skirt. ---

Drawings

4. The proposed drawing corrections filed on 1/13/03 have been approved and formal drawings are now required.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: as previously indicated in the last office action dated 8-27-03 (see pages 7 – 8), none of the prior art including those applied namely Devine, Latham Jr., Fuhs and Beisinger, have disclosed or rendered obvious a wash bucket screen having the combination of limitations in the now amended version of claim 4 wherein the screen has a flange extending horizontally outward from the skirt, and a wash bucket screen having all the limitations as recited in base claims 10 and 15, including the limitations of the screen having a platform having channels in the skirt which open at the platform perimeter at the lower perimeter portion thereof allowing the channeling of debris from the platform to a bucket bottom outside the skirt (claim 10) and the skirt having vertical slits opening to the skirt distal ends allowing skirt portions between the slits to bend resiliently as a flange extending horizontally from the skirt rides on a bucket wall (claim 15), and a wash bucket

screen having all the limitations recited in now amended claim 19 including the limitation of the skirt having channels opening at the platform perimeter at a lower perimeter portion thereof and channeling debris from the slanted platform to the bucket bottom outside the skirt.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marianne S. Ocampo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1144. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays to Fridays from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M..

8. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wanda Walker can be reached on (571) 272-1151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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